KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON WOMEN

Buffalo Trace Area Development District Regional Meeting

Maysville Community and Technical College

Hosted by AAUW-Maysville Chapter

Maysville, Kentucky September 27, 2004

Guest Speakers:

Ms. Glenda R. Woods, Executive Director, KCW Ms. Ashley D. Bratcher, Project Manager, KCW Dr. David Nash, KCW Board Member

Total Number of Participants: 49

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

Committee Members: Yolanda Gibbs, Dornea Stewart, Melony Furby. Note Taker: Judy Tierney. Chair: Marlene Duffy, Buffalo Trace ADD, (606)564-5849. mduffy@btadd.com

Discussion included: income levels too high for child care and grants; service industry jobs are prevalent which pay less; career days and educating school age youth on entrepreneurship; reasons for failures of businesses; mentoring businesses; exploring opportunities that would benefit our area; KY Entrepreneurship Coaching Institute; WINGS, Center for Economic Development and transportation issues.

The matrix from the Status of Kentucky's Women Summary Recommendations was reviewed. The committee decided to focus on the following:

- ES-B.2: Center for Economic Development, Entrepreneurship & Technology at EKU. Mel White, ICC Executive Director had previously spoken at the Buffalo Trace ADD Board meeting. Information would be obtained about the center and brought to the next meeting.
- ES-B.3: Re-establish funding for WINGS. Information regarding WINGS will be obtained to share with committee members.
- ES-B.5: Inform early-stage entrepreneurs about state and local resources. Melony Furby is enrolled in the KY Entrepreneurship Coaching Institute, an 18-month program serving a 19-county region. The second class will meet in October; she will update the committee at the next meeting.
- ES-B.6: Design step-by-step guide on starting a business. The Limestone Economic Development, Inc. has implemented a Mentoring Program free to new businesses in Maysville.

Transportation issues for women were discussed. Drivers' training is a needed service for the area. Schools do not provide drivers' training due to budget cuts. Low-income women are challenged to find transportation to school, work and doctors.

Next meeting: Judy Tierney will provide information on WINGS; Marlene Duffy will bring information on EKU Center for Economic Development, Entrepreneurship & Technology; Melony Furby will talk about the second class of the KY Entrepreneurship Coaching Institute and the Limestone Economic, Inc. activities on starting a business; Yolanda Gibbs will bring information on transportation.

The committee agreed to meet 11:30 a.m., October 26, 2004 at the Community College.

EDUCATION

CHAIR: Dr. Augusta Julian, President, Maysville Community and Technical College. (606)759-7141, ext. 66101. <u>Augusta.Julian@kctcs.edu</u>
Note Taker: LaDonna Barnett.

GOALS: A campaign to increase awareness of educational and training opportunities for women and girls in the Buffalo Trace Area.

ACTION ITEMS: Develop a directory of education and training opportunities in the area. Information needed on financial aid, child care, and transportation possibilities. Enlarge committee. "Spread the News-You can Choose."

NEXT MEETING: October 28, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at MCTC.

EQUITY

Committee Members: Dr. Nancy Corbett, Dawn and Christopher Browning. Note Taker: Sue Ellen Grannis. Chair: Sue Brammer, Maysville City Attorney. (606)564-4012. rzkbc@maysvilleky.net

GOALS: Encourage more equable treatment of women. Provide mentoring for younger girls.

ACTION ITEMS: Gather information on equity in the workforce in Kentucky. Plan public service announcements on mentoring and women's issues. Plan informational programs for girls at the YMCA and the Boys and Girls' Club. Plan to invite a lawyer to give advice during freshman orientation at Maysville Community and Technical College, particularly on available assistance for collecting child support.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Since the summit meeting in 2003, the Director of the Kentucky Commission on Women has been made a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

Next meeting: October 25, 2004 at 4 p.m. at the Maysville Community and Technical College.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Note-Taker: Nell Jo Marshall. Chair: Lorna Kay Sapp, Comprehend. (606)564-4016. sappk@kih.net

GOALS: Continue work begun by KCW. Increase the use of women's health agencies by updating the present resource guide for physical and mental health and making it more widely available.

ACTION ITEMS: Investigate adequacy of funding for health agencies. Promote facilities for assisted living. Educate parents to care for their children. Improve sex education and increase access to contraceptives. Provide health care to uninsured.

Next meeting at Comprehend in the Kenton Station Conference Room. Date to be announced.

LEADERSHIP

Note-Taker: Cara Clarke. Chair: Peggy Grove, retired attorney. (606)563-0848. peggygrove@maysvilleky.net

GOALS: Identification or modification of goals/work plan, Identify programs, groups or organizations that are encouraging young women to be leaders in business, government, health, education, etc. Search/outreach to other organizations in surrounding communities/counties.

Brainstorm strategies with identified groups.

ACTION ITEMS: List action items identified in meeting, person responsible for follow-through, and a target date to accomplish (<u>briefly</u> summarize discussion leading up to action item – as appropriate):

- Contact groups, set up meeting times committee members
- Meet with college organizations Phi Theta Kappa, SGA, Ready to Work – set up informational sessions, voter information – Cara/Margo
- Plan a workshop for women "How to run for offices, election processes" Cara/Margo
- Plan a youth voting/educational "program" Peggy.